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Smiling Service

Members of Waverly's service organizations and Wartburg faculty worked efficiently in serving some 1700 people at the Homecoming barbecue. As is evident, no time was lost in filling trays.

Housing Unit Elections Completed For Student Congregation Deacons

Elections in individual housing units for deacons have been almost completed. These deacons were responsible for the Every Member Visitation conducted recently in dormitories and housing units.

They are also responsible for the spiritual life in the housing units, which is usually carried out through devotions on each floor.

Centennial Hall deacons are freshman Ruthea Giese, sophomore Marilee White and juniors Diane Wolf and Sharron Johnson. Deacons in Hebron Hall are sophomores Pat Rundhaug, Jan Gerriets, Mary Ellen Schmuhl and freshman Gail Stowe.

Representing Wartburg Hall are sophomores Marie Zwanziger, Mary Simonsen, Betty Judisch and Susan Radig. Vollmer Hall deacons are juniors Marsha Ketelsen, Chris Sharpe and Joan Noble and senior Jo Getzloff.

Sophomores Tom Reuss, Gary Monserud and Roger Rattmann and junior Ken Kuziej are the deacons in Clinton Hall. Grossmann Hall is represented by freshmen Melvin Raatz and John Henderson and junior Gary Blumanthal.

Senior Wayne Strohschein represents North Hall. Off-campus residence deacons are juniors Roger Koopman, Roger Kamrath and Dennis Wenzel and seniors Lewin Clefisch and Norman Augst.

Student Congregation Vice President Dave Steege reports that a few of the deacons have not yet been chosen.

Human Relations Is Panel Subject

A "Know Your Neighbor" Panel, composed of six Iowa women from different religious and racial backgrounds will be in Waverly this Thursday discussing human relations.

All homemakers and mothers, the group will appear at the First Methodist Church at 2 p.m. They will tell the story of their own encounters with prejudice.

Since their first discussion in 1960, the panelists have traveled over 15,000 miles and appeared before more than 45,000 people.

Last spring they appeared at the convention of the United States Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D. C. They have

Alumni Association Asks For Weekend Graduation

The Wartburg College Alumni Association has asked the college to expand its placement program and to study the possibility of scheduling commencement exercises on a weekend.

These actions were taken by the Alumni Board of Directors Oct. 15 and reaffirmed the next day by the annual meeting of the Alumni Association. Both recommendations were made in the interest of greater service to alumni and greater alumni participation in campus events.

"In regard to placement," said Alumni Director Bob Gremmels, "the association feels that the program should be enlarged to provide placement service for alumni as well as graduating seniors. This would include service to alumni who are looking for employees as well as those interested in better jobs."

Placement Service Limited

At present the college's placement service is limited to seniors and is handled through the office of the registrar and through department heads.

The recommendation that commencement be moved to a weekend grew out of a concern expressed by alumni that they find it difficult to attend weekday events.

The Alumni Board also noted that traditional Alumni Day events have been virtually

squeezed out of existence in recent years because of conflicting activities during the year-end rush.

Other Actions Given

In other action last weekend the alumni:

*Commended President Bachman on his first year in office and reaffirmed their support of his leadership.

*Saluted the Wartburg Choir for its "successful tour of Europe" and expressed appreciation for the choir's cooperation with the alumni involved in the tour.

*Voted unanimously to continue the Distinguished Teaching Citation in 1965-66, following the same procedures as previously.

*Congratulated the Admissions Department for its "excellent recruiting during the past year," also Mrs. Margaret Wolff Garland for being selected as the country's Distinguished Yearbook Advisor for the year.

*Recognized the "high quality of convocations at Wartburg" and expressed appreciation to the Convocations Committee.

*Voted to continue Alumni Association membership in the Wartburg Community Symphony Association.

*Established four new committees to head the association's efforts in research, fund-raising, nominations for alumni offices, and selection of recipients for alumni citations.

*Commended the Alumni Office staff for an "outstanding year."

Halloween Theme Planned For Events Next Weekend

Next weekend's social activities will be planned as a Halloween weekend to coincide with the traditional end-of-October festivities.

A horror movie, "Sanctuary," will be shown in the Chapel auditorium Friday night, according to Social Activities Commissioner Laird Yock.

A hobo dance, sponsored by Gamma House, is scheduled for Saturday night with a band providing the music.

The Social Activities Commission will also sponsor a Penny Night Saturday night. This will enable girls to accumulate up to 60 late minutes at a penny per minute.

A "Most Eligible Witch Contest" will also be held in conjunction with the weekend. A list of candidates will be placed in the Den sometime this week, and the "witch" receiving the most votes will be declared most eligible.

Votes will be sold for a penny each. Yock said a free broom may be given to the winning contestant.

Juniors Give Recitals Sun.

Two students will present junior recitals tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. Barbara Brownell, Oelwein, will perform on the piano. Marlene Kasemeier, Sumner, will play the flute.

Miss Brownell will play works by Debussy, Schubert and Kabalevsky. She is a student of Dr. Jean Abramson, Piano Department.

Miss Kasemeier will play works by von Gluck and Quantz. She is a student of Franklin Williams, Instrumental Department.

Debaters Compete In WIU Tourney

Wartburg College debaters are at a novice tournament at Western Illinois University in Macomb this weekend.

Freshmen Carol Havemann and Kenneth Smith will present the affirmative side of the question "Resolved: That law enforcement agencies should be given greater freedom in the investigation and prosecution of crime." Junior Ron McCollister and sophomore Abeto Uy will give the negative position.

Prof. Produces Documentary Film

First public showing of a film produced by Norman Ramsey, Speech Department, in cooperation with the Minneapolis City Planning Commission, will be presented tomorrow at 3 p.m. by the Walker Art Gallery of Minneapolis.

A documentary called "Urbanlandia," the film conveys its message with contrasting visuals

and the emotional impact of Jean Sibelius' "Finlandia." No narration is used.

The black and white, nine minute film is scheduled as a part of a series accompanying the Urban Planning Exhibition in Minneapolis. It shows the development of a long range city plan.

Population Explosion Examined In Series

A presentation on the possibilities of conception control will highlight a new convo series on the population explosion.

Dr. Alan Guttmacher, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, will discuss birth control at the Nov. 23 convocation.

"Brazil: The Gathering of Millions," a film shown at last Thursday's convocation, introduced the population explosion series, which is the second of four series presented under the general theme, "World Come of Age."

Attempts Answer To Question

This second series will attempt to answer the question, "Does man's increasing ability to control his own life lead to newer and greater problems which he cannot solve?"

Dr. William H. Wehrmacher, recipient of an Alumni Citation from the college last spring for

his work in cardiology, will speak Oct. 28 on "Scientific Medicine and the Population Explosion."

He will be followed on Nov. 2 by Dr. Conrad Taeuber, assistant director of the U. S. Bureau of Census, Washington, D.C., with "Multiply and Fill the Earth."

ISU Prof To Speak

Nov. 4 Dr. John F. Timmons of the Department of Economics and Sociology at Iowa State University will continue the series with his presentation, "Can the World Feed Its Increasing Population?"

Prof. Augst Baetke, head of Wartburg's Sociology Department, will speak on Nov. 16 with "Socialization for a Dense Population."

The third series, "The Arts and Automation," will be presented during the spring term. It will be financed by a grant from the Sperry - Hutchinson Foundation.



Monks Lead March

These six Wartburg monks journeyed to Luther today to help lead a pep march for the Knights on the Decorah campus.

Eve Of Destruction . . .

The disease of war is spreading throughout the world infecting all of its inhabitants. Most nations view this situation with sadness; they see the possibility that all that they have achieved and all that they hope to gain disappear in the inferno of a mushroom cloud.

Why? Because one government, that of Red China, possesses the demented belief that theirs is the philosophy of existence that MUST be established throughout the world. We see this philosophy already implemented against Nationalist China, South Viet Nam, and most recently, India. We see that instead of remaining static, their aggressive actions have only increased, and we ask if, when and how they will cease.

Conquests Will Spread

Judging from history and our basic knowledge of their aims we must assume that their overt political and military conquests will spread unless we, the people of the free world, decide to stop them and stop them immediately.

Red China has developed and is in the process of perfecting the nuclear bomb. Simultaneously, the Red Chinese are attempting to develop a dependable means of delivery of this weapon. Once they have done this, may God help us. One does

not have to be a student of logic to realize the potential consequences.

Therefore, we have two courses of action open to us: we can disable their military machine now or wait until we must return like for like and face the destruction of all humanity.

The present "wait and see" attitude does much for the "Great Society." Anti-poverty bills, Medicare, prospering industry and economy keep everybody happy.

Let Us Relent

Let's gradually relent on once high-held goals, be eager to make treaties which serve only as a temporary abatement to Communism, don't do anything which might not be pleasing to the neutral nations and, above all, don't even dare to cast a hint of a shadow on the American policy of always defend, never attack.

Let's live for today, bask in prosperity and cross our bridges when we come to them. Let's do all of this and then as we sit in our fallout shelters one, two, five or ten years from now, we can curse ourselves for not realizing that we can never hope to appease a hungry lion one steak at a time.

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Eight o'clock classes often report the most absentees, but nobody really misses them!

Tacking 95 theses on Luther's union door is just fine. Let's just hope we don't have to "hole up" in a castle for very long.

A girl who is not a football fan asked a member of our staff the other day, "Why don't pro football coaches like their quarterbacks to run with the ball?" He was about to answer when Roger Kittleson walked by, saving him the trouble.

The Poison Pen I Dreamed I Was

By LINDA STULL



Quite awhile back a speaker in convocation told the audience about the amazing amount of time people spend in daydreaming. I never realized how true his words were until my senior picture proofs came back the other day. Either the camera was a travesty of technology, or I have been living in fantasy. And I tend to think that the miracles of modern science rule out the former assumption.

When I stopped to think about it, I found all kinds of examples of my daydreaming. The other night when I was especially hungry and the thought of an egg cheese made my mouth water, I went off on one of those tangents. There I was, leading a group of Wartburg suffragettes on a march to Roy's to demand equal rights there for women.

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And not too long ago, when I was especially fired up about the academic side of college after spending an entire day without cutting a class, I was suddenly transformed into the Madame Curie of the English world. A famed lecturer and author of the latest best seller that was banned in Boston, I was telling a convocation audience how my career had started at Wartburg.

Then, after reading an especially good play one time, I was Dame Judith Anderson, Elizabeth Taylor and Annette all rolled into one. I played Lady Macbeth with dignity, Cleopatra with a vengeance, and I was even able to find a bikini that fit to assume my final role.

Then I read a women's magazine, and I became the heroine of the beauty and fashion world. I was floating around the studio of a famous dress designer modeling his latest creation.

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At that point, however, I was suddenly transported back to reality, where I found myself tripping on the dance floor with the guy I was trying my hardest to impress.

Sooner or later I guess we are all brought back to the world of reality by such rude awakenings as senior pictures and tripping at a dance. But the advertising world realizes the importance of our reverie periods and makes use of them. Take one of the most famous ads of the century, for instance -- I dreamed I was . . .

President Extends Thanks To Homecoming Committee

Editor's Note: This letter was sent to Homecoming Chairman David Wegenast and also to the Trumpet for printing.

Dear Dave:

Members of the Administrative Cabinet join me in expressing appreciation to you, members of your committee and subcommittees for the diligence and originality with which you planned and executed the activities which constituted our 1965 Homecoming at Wartburg.

You should know that responses from faculty members and alumni were unusually enthusiastic. The barbecue, Kastle Kapers, and the

parade were special highlights.

Victories by both cross-country and football teams gave everything an especially warm, autumn glow.

We know that many people from campus and community worked hard to make the weekend so enjoyable. The abilities demonstrated in performing Homecoming tasks indicate, once again, that many Wartburg students have the capacity for responsible citizenship. You have reinforced our sense of pride in Wartburg.

Sincerely,
John W. Bachman
President

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The Somewhat Straight Stuff As Man Limits Himself

By L. ALBERT SAGERT

In these times of so-called trouble, conflict, war and change, it seems that men should try to know what they are and where they stand. This is not just a matter of each man knowing his own niche and coming out when called, but rather of each man seeing himself in proper relation to the rest of creation.

Why bother looking into this? Well, it would seem that we create problems for ourselves by not knowing who we are or what we are doing here. These problems are social, religious financial, psychological, international and interpersonal, and they recur daily. If we "know ourselves" as Socrates and others said we should, perhaps we can alleviate some of these problems.

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From birth, any human being is naturally self-centered, selfish and limited. As time passes, socialization alters these traits in order to make them acceptable in society. But, unfortunately, most of us never get over the next hump, that of seeing ourselves as, and for what, we really are. This hump is called reality.

Most of us exist in a state of unreality because we never quite get the hang of what this thing called life is. Actually, it would seem that the explanation is fairly simple. Life is just people trying to get along in the world. There are three to four billion people now living, and all are trying to get along as best they can.

The Chinese do it one way, the English another, the Zulus another and the Americans another. They are all really doing the same thing; they just alter the way of doing it to fit their own situations. The basic reality of life is not the diversity of all men and lands, but rather the basic similarity between them and all other things.

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As I said though, most of us go through life being unrealistic and fooling ourselves. We fight with our neighbors, blame our profs, get disgusted with our roommates, hate the Communists and pity the poor and sick because we never see ourselves as we are.

We do not realize that life is just a system that the human race has going for it, and that different people have different ways of playing the system. The way we act out life is a product of evolution just as man himself is. The system of life is not inflexible nor is it just that remnant we know around our little niche. Our individual niche is relatively unimportant to four billion other people. But we forget this.

We each begin, consciously or otherwise, with a view of ourselves as the center of the world and then gradually are forced to tear down this image as we find that the world goes beyond our doorstep and can even go by without us. It would be better and much more realistic if, as soon as we are able to reason, we would recognize ourselves as the insignificant specks we are in this universe. However, this is against human nature.

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We should realize that we fool ourselves very often in our thinking about ourselves and about others. We should realize that there is no real reason (even though we will continue to do them) to cry, hate, laugh, love, mourn, pity or hope, because ultimately it makes no difference, in this world, what we do.

We should realize this and see ourselves and everything else in true relation to the universe (which really is not as difficult as it sounds) so that we can better understand people, places and events. This true realization and understanding is reality.

But, I suggest that you do not try to live truly realistically, for society places a higher premium upon responding properly than upon being realistic. In trying to be realistic and to persuade others to see reality, one merely makes himself a misfit in this world.

One important note. It seems that an understanding of a Christian god is the ultimate reality. But you will have to find this for yourself, if you can.

Peek At The Week

Saturday, Oct. 23
Cross-country, Central, there
1:30 p.m. -- Varsity football, Luther, there

Sunday, Oct. 24
10 a.m. -- Student Congregation Worship Service, Chapel-auditorium
11 a.m. -- Discussion Group, Conference Room
1:30 p.m. -- Alpha Chi Initiation, Centennial Hall Lounge

Monday, Oct. 25
5, 6:30 p.m. -- Devotions, Danforth Chapel, Speaker, The Rev. Harold Becker
7:45 p.m. -- Faculty Meeting, Centennial Hall Lounge
7:45 p.m. -- Student Senate, Conference Room

Tuesday, Oct. 26
Cross-country, Platteville, here
5, 6:30 p.m. -- Devotions, Danforth Chapel, speaker, Lewin Clefisch
6:30 p.m. -- Men's Coordinating Board, Senate Room
7 p.m. -- Faculty Group I, Castle Room
7 p.m. -- English Department

Editor Deserts Post!

While Trumpet Editor Mary Krohlow is basking in the California sun at the Associated Collegiate Press Convention in Los Angeles, former editor and one time great Linda Stull is taking over the ship. Mary, Fortress Co-editor Jean Biere and Mrs. Margaret Garland, adviser, will return tomorrow.

movie, "The Red and the Black," Chapel-auditorium

Wednesday, Oct. 27
4:15 p.m. -- Women's Recreational Association
6 p.m. -- Alpha Phi Gamma Initiation, Castle Room
6:30 p.m. -- Mid-week Worship Service, "A Service of Witnessing," Chapel-auditorium
6:30 p.m. -- Academic Life Commission, Senate Room
7 p.m. -- German Club, Room 110, Luther Hall

Thursday, Oct. 28
4:30 p.m. -- Elementary Student Teachers, Castle Room
5, 6:30 p.m. -- Devotions, Danforth Chapel, speaker, Dr. Ernest Yunghans
7:30 p.m. -- Science Club, Conference Room
8 p.m. -- Basic Lutheran Teachings, Room 202, Luther Hall
9 p.m. -- Devotional Group, Danforth Chapel

Friday, Oct. 29
Freshman Football, Coe, there
Cross-country Conference Meet, here
5 p.m. -- Devotions, Danforth Chapel, speaker, Ken Kuziej

Date Corrected

Initiation ceremonies for Alpha Chi will take place tomorrow, Oct. 24, instead of Oct. 10, as previously stated in the Trumpet. Ceremonies will be held in the Centennial Hall Lounge at 4 p.m.

Worship Tomorrow

Campus Church

Speaker: Pastor H. W. Diers
Service: 10 a.m.
Topic: "God of Deliverance"

St. Paul's (ALC)

Speaker: Pastor Richard Rehfeldt
Services: 8:30, 9:40, 10:45 a.m.
Topic: "Going His Way"

St. John's (Missouri)

Speaker: Pastor Harold Roschke
Services: 8, 10:30 a.m.
Topic: "Help Each Other"

Redeemer Lutheran

Speaker: Pastor Harlan Blockus
Service: 10 a.m.
Topic: "Living Stone"

First Methodist

Speaker: Pastor Ellis Webb
Services: 8, 10:15 a.m.

St. Andrew's Episcopal

Speaker: Pastor C. C. Gunnell
Service: 10:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic

Masses: 8, 10 a.m.

Queen, Court Add Thanks

To the Editor:

We, the Homecoming queen and court, would like to thank all those who helped make Homecoming such a wonderful and exciting experience for us, especially Dave Wegenast and Kathlene Kriesel. Most of all we would like to thank Wartburg for giving us these memories and the honor of representing our school.

In appreciation,

Margaret Freeland
Merdy Anderson
Mary Charlson
Carol Lee
Carol Wessels

Student Senators Pass Resolution

To The Editor:

Be it resolved that the Student Senate express their gratitude to the Central Homecoming Committee, student committees, members of the administration and staff who cooperated to make the 1965 Homecoming, without a doubt, the finest ever.

Special thanks to David Wegenast for a truly outstanding job as general chairman.

Student Senate
William Hamm, President

Knights Edge Statesmen; Battle Norsemen Today

By ED ROACH

Wartburg edged the William Penn Statesmen 10-6 in last Saturday's Homecoming contest behind the Knight's greatest rushing performance in years.

Knights got their largest one game rushing total since 1960 in the Penn game.

"I felt it was the best game we've played so far this year," commented Head Coach Lee Bondhus. "The boys came up with the big play when we needed it."

Victory Is Costly

"It was a costly victory with the loss of Kittleson. He was more than a good athlete, he was a great team leader. But I'm confident our other quarterbacks can do a good job."

Roger Kittleson turned in an outstanding performance before suffering a fractured nose in the last quarter. Kit has undergone surgery to reassemble the fragments and Bondhus is hopeful that he might be ready for service in the last couple games.

Bondhus praised the offensive front wall led by Al Anderson and Dave Lange. "The offensive line blocked better than they have all year," he said.

Protection Outstanding

Pass protection afforded Knight quarterbacks was outstanding. Wartburg sustained only one loss during the entire af-

ternoon, five yards on a backfield fumble.

Jerry Zehr added a new wrinkle to the Bondhus attack as he kicked the first field goal since 1961. The boot came from the 24-yd. line with just nine seconds left in the first half.

The defense was charged with the responsibility of containing speedy halfback Chuck Henry. Although the powerful Pennback did pick up 118 yards, he was never able to break away from the Knight defenders.

Penn Shows Respect

Penn showed its respect for the Wartburg pass thief crew by not attempting the expected long bomb. Defensive ends Gayle Newton and Herb Iberg maintained pressure on the passer all afternoon as they dropped the Statesman quarterback on several third down situations.

Although William Penn had the pigskin for nine more plays than the Knights, freshman fullback Paul Danielson relieved much of the pressure on the defense as he

exploded from deep in Knight territory for 44 yards. Bondhus singled out the play as the most important of the game.

Today the Knights meet traditional rival Luther in one of the toughest games of the season. Last year the Norsemen made things dreary at the Wartburg Homecoming as they swamped the Knights 37-6.

Luther Is 3-2

Luther enters the game with a 3-2 record for the season, losing only to Parsons and Central. Last week they throttled Upper Iowa, 21-7.

Offensively the Norsies concentrate on softening up the center of their opponent's line a la Ohio State. Only an occasional quarterback roll-out seems to alter this pattern.

Bondhus has adjusted the pass patterns he expects to use in overcoming the double coverage usually given flanker Zehr and end Bob Larson. Even with such changes the Knights should have a difficult time at Luther.

Takle Sets Course Mark; Luther Wins Meet, 21-35

course.

Led by Gene Takle's record-smashing 19:52 pace, Luther runners had the needed "kick" at the finish to overcome the fast-starting Knights. Final score was 21-35 in favor of Luther.

With the exception of Wartburg's Jon Thieman, who took second and toured the course in 21:29, Luther harriers were the whole show on the damp and slippery course.

Finishers Listed

Rolf Wangberg of Luther was third, Ken Rasmussen, fourth, Don Nonstad, fifth, and Roger Ashman, eighth. Wartburg's Steve Jacob was sixth, Rod Holt, seventh, Gaylen Fick, ninth, and Jim Rasmuson, eleventh.

Last Saturday's meet saw the Knight harriers sweep dual victories over William Penn and Upper Iowa by scores of 16-48 and 15-50 respectively.

Jon Thieman again led the Knights with a 4-mile time of 21:50. Gaylen Fick was second, Steve Jacob, third, Mike Hughes, fourth, and Rod Holt, sixth. Bob Hagopian of William Penn finished fifth with a time of 22:50.

Record Is 7-2

Wartburg's cross-country season record is now 7-2. Today the Knight cross-country runners are scheduled to run in the Central Invitational.

Knight harriers will return home for a meet with Platteville on Tuesday before resting up for the all-important conference meet here on Friday at 4 p.m.

Nobody Asked Me, But . . .

Henry Brings Tear To Eye

By BILL GLITZ

Ever feel sorry for a member of the opposition? I did Saturday at Schield Stadium. It always makes me sad to see a pearl among a bunch of pig's ears. Every time Chuck Henry of William Penn ran, blocked or tackled, I almost shed a tear.

Henry playing with William Penn is like Van Cliburn playing background music for the Beatles--or Michelangelo painting a barn. Henry is not only a good football player -- he is tremendous. He deserves the over-used superlatives that are liberally sprinkled on the sports page.

He can run, block, catch passes and tackle, all with consistency--not flashiness, just consistency. He does his job so quietly that you'd hardly notice him on the field. He's got only one weakness. He can't run, block and catch passes on the same play. If he could, William Penn might be a winning ballclub.

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Four pro teams reportedly have a very close watch on Mr. Henry. He does everything now with almost no help (it's Henry vs. 21 guys working against him on Saturday). Only imagination can see what he'd do with his own teammates as a help instead of a hindrance. I've got a feeling that we may be seeing more of Mr. Henry. Say on Sunday afternoons on TV. After four years of playing for William Penn it would only be poetic justice.

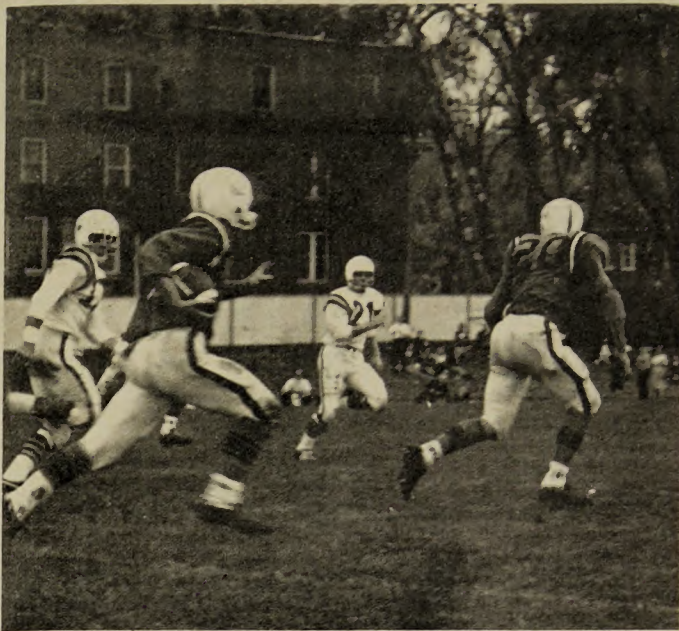
Another tough break for Wartburg was when Rog Kittleson had his face rearranged in the fourth quarter Saturday. Kit's now got more metal on his face than the Bremer Avenue Bridge. Somebody trying to hit him now would break his arm.

The job of quarterbacking the Knights now falls into the competent hands of Dick Basham. (Basham has also taken on other responsibilities lately). Bash called signals for the Knights last year, so he's not a newcomer. He doesn't have the running ability of Kittleson, but may have a little more passing accuracy.

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Kittleson was very close to a couple of Wartburg's passing records for the year (mostly due to Jerry Zehr). These, of course, are out the window for Kit now. It's like losing your speech before the Gettysburg address or your voice before singing at the Met.

On the play where Kit was decked, he still went on for five yards with a face that looked like a pizza. That's what's known as guts, gang.



Rog Kittleson scampers around right end on the play that set up the lone Knight touchdown Saturday, as Jerry Zehr leads the blocking. Kit suffered a broken nose in the fourth quarter after turning in a fine performance against Penn's Statesmen.

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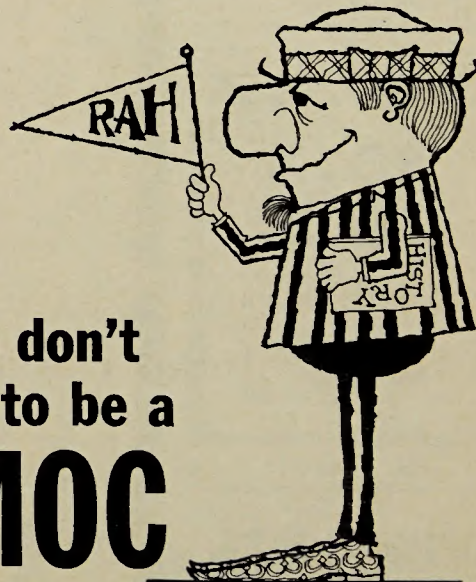
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'Brazil: The Gatherinhg Millions' Begins Block On Overpopulation

By JACK EDEN

"A World Come Of Age"? According to Thursday's con- vocation film documentary, "Brazil: The Gathering Mil- lions," many parts of the world still have a lot of growing up to do.

The film dealt with the plight of Brazil's overcrowded rural population in the northeastern part of the country as they mi- grate from the arid farm lands which will no longer support them to the larger, promising cities.

The cities are nothing but illusory promised lands which hold nothing for the poor mi- grants but cramped quarters, disease and starvation. In despair they move on to their last hope-- the rich farm lands of the western frontier.

Better Work In Area

In that area there is enough work and a better living for everyone. Here again man shows his immaturity by wearing out the land with coffee plants and continually pushing back the forest by burning valuable lum- ber.

What will happen to the peasants when the frontier has been completely raped and destroyed by man's ignorance and greed?

According to the film, the condition of these people has been brought about by overpopulation. Improved medical and scientific methods which have heightened the life expectancy of infants, together with ignorance of the necessity of birth control, have caused the malignancy of over- population.

Reasons For Large Families

There are several reasons why the poorer class believes in families of eight or more. The first and probably foremost of these is the fact that the more workers in a family, the bigger the income.

The film also blames the state and the church for this plague-- the state for its unconcern toward the problem, and the church for its dogmatic stand against birth control.

"Brazil: The Gathering Mil- lions" is a typical documentary in that it presents a problem but makes no attempt to resolve it. Much of what is brought out is generally known.

Viewer Not Insulted

It did not, however, insult the intelligence of the viewer because of the outstanding, interesting and little known facts and figures which were used to emphasize the problem.

Many of the scenes reminded one of one of Kean's "big-eyed children" paintings. They com- manded sympathy from even the hardest heart.

Perhaps it could have been more effective if it had been in color, but this is a minor point and is not really important to the overall experience it created for the viewer.

Film Open For Speculation

Documentaries have been notorious for painting either ex-

tremely optimistic or extremely pessimistic pictures of their subject matter. This fact leaves this particular film open for speculation on whether things are universally this bad in Brazil.

Overall, from the dramatic birth of a new Brazilian citizen in the beginning, to the heart- rending end, "Brazil: The Gathering Millions" was a startling, effective film. It had a terrible story to tell, and it hit hard, where it hurts most people the worst, by showing the suffering of the children.

Nearly \$2500 Brought In By Homecoming Activities

Nearly \$2500 was taken in at Homecoming events and areas last weekend, according to Home- coming Chairman David Wegenast.

He emphasized, however, that most of this money will be used in paying expenses. Whatever is left will be put into next year's Homecoming fund.

First place in parade floats last weekend went to the junior class. The freshman class won second place, and the sophomore class was awarded third place.

Wartburg Hall won the campus decoration trophy for dormi-

tories. Grossmann Hall received honorable mention.

Tri-Beta, Science Club and American Chemical Society won first prize in the organizational division, with Music Educators National Conference receiving honorable mention.

In the "Whallop William" con- test, juniors Dale Doepe and John McVeety won freemorgas- bord dinners at Carver's. The unidentified football player was junior Bill Karrow, while the cross-country runner was junior Gaylen Fick.



Birth Occurs

Maxine, North Hall's mascot, produced a new offspring at Thursday night's pep march. The Amba- sadors are holding a contest for Wartburg women to name the baby. Winner will be awarded the new ar- rival.

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